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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Mayor of South Bend  
227 West Jefferson Boulevard  
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South Bend, Indiana 46601

Dear Mayor Buttigieg:

Thank you for your March 20, 2013 letter regarding the Beck's Lake site and your invitation to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to discuss the site with the community.

As you know, our staffs met last week and have set June 13, 2013 as the tentative date for a community outreach event. I understand that EPA's project team is coordinating with your office not only on this event, but also on strategies to keep the community informed. Further, our staffs have discussed EPA's plans to conduct additional sampling at LaSalle Park, part of the Beck's Lake site, to confirm that there is no immediate threat to human health. We intend to hold a meeting later in the summer to share those results with the community.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact Ronna Beckmann or Denise Gawlinski, the Region 5 Intergovernmental Liaisons, at (312) 886-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Hedman", is written over a horizontal line.

Susan Hedman  
Regional Administrator